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SUSPENSION

Chelsea, Massachusetts October 18, 2021

ACCEPTED AND FILED

A Regular Meeting of the Chelsea City Council was held. The meeting was held at the Chelsea City Hall located at 500 Broadway Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150. The following Councilors were present: Councilors Vidot, Avellaneda, Recupero, Garcia, Vega Maldonado, Robinson, Rodriguez, Taylor, Lopez, Brown, Zabol. Council President Avellaneda presided over the meeting. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

MEMORIUMS & CELEBRATORY RESOLUTIONS:

The following Resolution was introduced by Councilor Recupero and all members of the City Council. A motion from Councilor Recupero to adopt under suspension was adopted.

RESOLUTION

ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, October is the month that many Italian Heritage celebrate with so many others, and Italian festivals all throughout the Boston area, and

WHEREAS, Italian Heritage is richly entwined in the history of our country; this heritage did not begin and end with the well-known voyages of American Vespucci, whom our country was named after, continues to the present day in fields of exploration, science the arts, literature, as well as business and development; and

WHEREAS, Italians and those of Italian descent have made remarkable contribution to our nation, the list is quite long. American history is replete with citizens of Italian lineage, including the signing the Declaration of Independence and the formation of the U.S. Constitution, Italian-American have fought in every war from the Revolutionary War, to recent conflicts; and have served with distinction, including several Congressional Medal of Honor recipients. Italian-Americans were instrumental in building and developing many of our major cities; Italian immigrants built bridges and roads that we use today. Several major U.S. universities have been founded and directed by Italian-Americans and valuable discoveries in science and medicine are credited by Italian-Americans and valuable discoveries in science and medicine are credited to those of Italian heritage as well; and

WHEREAS, Tom Ambrosino and Francesco Recupero for their contributions as Italian Americans and their service to their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Chelsea City Council declare October as "Italian Heritage Month" in the year 2021.

The following Resolution was introduced by Councilor Avellaneda and all members of the City Council. A motion from Councilor Zabol to adopt under suspension was adopted.

RESOLUTION ARBOR DAY

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Whereas, On October 30, 2021, the City of Chelsea will officially celebrate Arbor Day; and

Whereas, As part of this special day, the Massachusetts Tree Wardens & Foresters Association will come to the City of Chelsea to plant a public shade tree.

Whereas, Children parents, community leaders, public officials and municipal employees are invited to participate in the planting event; and

Whereas, This event helps to ensure that the City maintains its status as a Tree City USA; and

Whereas, This year the City of Chelsea has officially been recognized as a Tree City USA for its 17th year by the National Arbor Day Foundation; and

Whereas, Being a Tree City USA gives Chelsea the benefits of having more state resources to further enhance the quantity and quality of tree in Chelsea; and

Whereas, The Tree City USA Award is given by the National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service, to recognize environmental improvement and encourage higher levels of tree care throughout America;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The City Council would like to recognize the efforts of the Department of Public Works and the community for their work toward improving Chelsea's environmental via an enhanced tree program; for securing the Tree City USA status for the 17th year in a row; and for having a successful 2021 Arbor Day event.

The following Resolution was introduced by Councilor Avellaneda and all members of the City Council. A motion from Councilor Robinson to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

RESOLUTION:

Honoring Marianne Ramos

WHEREAS, Marianne Ramos, a longtime resident and well respected artist in the City of Chelsea, served as a public champion to the seniors and immigrant community of Chelsea, for over two decades; and

WHEREAS, In the earlier years of Marianne Ramos' work in Chelsea, she served as a mediator for the housing service program, CHERB (Committee on Housing Resources Board); and

WHEREAS, Marianne Ramos, was hired by the City of Chelsea in 1996. And through her hard work and activism, Marianne pioneered the Chelsea Senior Center to be an inclusive center for all, particularly for those newly migrated from the countries of Central America, and other Latin American regions, to ensure all had a place and a voice in the community; and

WHEREAS, Marianne Ramos served as Chelsea's Elder Affairs Outreach/Program Coordinator for over 20 years, and created programs of cultural diversity; including a citizenship class, and ESL class, a cultural arts program, cultural celebrations, intergenerational programs, and programs of exploration and expression; and

WHEREAS, Marianne Ramos, through her admiration for art, poetry and ethnic inclusion, helped bridge gaps of ageism and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, Marianne Ramos retired from the City of Chelsea on June 30, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Chelsea and the Chelsea City Council hereby recognize and honor Ms. Marianne Ramos for her outstanding dedicated service to the City of Chelsea.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Public Hearing regarding the Home Rule Petition introduced by Councilor Avellaneda regarding proposed Charter amendments recommended by the Charter Review Committee was open to the Public for comments.

The following came forward to speak:

Roberto Jimenez, 40 Eleanor St, spoke against amendment regarding Council absences. Spoke against setting 25-vote at least limit on write in candidates. Spoke against changing the make-up for the city council.

Marisol Santiago, 25 Hooper St, spoke against amendment reducing the make-up of the council body.

Susan Backstrom, 260 Clark Ave., spoke against amendment of changing the make-up of the city. Spoke against amendment regarding 25-vote at least limit on write in candidate. Spoke against amendment regarding council absence due to ADA law.

Alex Floyd Vargas, 260 Clark Ave., spoke against amendment regarding the council absences is against ADA law.

PUBLIC SPEAKING:

The following came forward to speak at the public speaking portion of the meeting:

Roberto Jimenez, 40 Eleanor St., spoke in favor of Northeast Vocational School vote to disagree to appropriate monies to build new school due to inequitable formula of dispersing monies.

Marisol Santiago, 25 Hooper St., spoke in favor of Northeast Vocational School vote to disagree to appropriate monies to build new school due to inequitable formula of dispersing monies.

Norieliz DeJesus, 373 Crescent Ave., spoke in favor of Northeast Vocational School vote to disagree to appropriate monies to build new school due to inequitable formula of dispersing monies.

Anna Hadingham, 318 Broadway, spoke about the creating programs for CHS students outside of college readiness, without sending students to other schools.

Emily, Chelsea High Student, spoke about the disparities that happen to CHS students when applying to Northeast Vocational School

Daniela, Chelsea High Student, spoke about admissions policies within Northeast Vocational School that exclude minorities

Rosemarie Carlisle, 109 Sagamore Ave., spoke in favor of Northeast Vocational School vote to disagree to appropriate monies to build new school due to inequitable formula of dispersing monies.

Susan Backstrom, 260 Clark Ave., spoke in favor of Northeast Vocational School vote to disagree to appropriate monies to build new school due to inequitable formula of dispersing monies. Also spoke in favor of ranked choice voting.

Alex Floyd Vargas, spoke in favor of Northeast Vocational School vote to disagree to appropriate monies to build new school due to inequitable formula of dispersing monies. Reminded everyone about ADA law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the City Council Meeting dated October 4, 2021 were approved at the request of Councilor Brown under suspension.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

The following communication was read from City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. A motion from Councilor Brown to accept and file and refer the communication to the sub-committee on conference was adopted under suspension.

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
Chelsea City Hall
500 Broadway
Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

Re: Parking Lots located at 15 Williams and 2-4 Pembroke

Dear Councilors:

In a recent Council Order, you requested that I provide you with a “plan” for acquiring the parking lots that the City previously leased at 15 Williams St. and 2-4 Pembroke St. These lots were used by the Police Department for parking during the day, and certain spots were available to residents at night. With

the opening of the Police parking area in the new lot under the Tobin Bridge, these leased parcels were no longer necessary for the Police Department, and the leases were terminated.

As I have mentioned several times in the past, any process for the acquisition of real property by the City must start with an appraisal. However, I suggest that, before I present to you a draft order to appropriate funds for the necessary appraisal, we meet to discuss this matter in subcommittee. Because acquisition could involve the need for eminent domain, a vote that requires a super-majority, we should consider in subcommittee both whether acquisition makes sense for the City and whether there is widespread consensus on the Capital for such action.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

The following communication was read from City Manager Thomas G. Ambrisino. A motion from Councilor Robinson to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

The Honorable Chelsea City Hall
Chelsea City Hall
500 Broadway
Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

Re: FY22 PARC Grant-Quigley Park

Dear Councilors:

I am writing to you an update on the City's PARC Grant submission for the renovation of Quigley Park and a request that the City Council approve the necessary funding for this project.

Recently, the Executive Office and Environmental Affairs ("EEA") notified the City that the Department of Housing & Community Development has secured a PARC grant for Quigley Park, pending executive of the state grant contract and fulfillment of all pre-award program requirements. For this grant, the proposed renovations of Quigley Park include replacement of the playground's rubber surfacing introduction of new playground equipment, installation of a new water feature and splash pad, refurbishment of the play fields, installation of new site furniture and lighting and reconstruction of all site utilities. Once completed, the modernized playground will better serve our city's youth, mitigate heat and poor air quality and increase the quality of life for residents, a goal highlighted in the City's 2017-2024 Open Space and Recreation Plan.

The City will complete its design of these improvements by June 30, 2022. The design process will include coordination with park users, neighborhood residents and other stakeholders. Already, an initial public meeting has been convened, as a part of PARC grant application process. We anticipate holding two additional public meetings to gather resident input on design features and park amenities during the Winter and Spring of 2022. Reconstruction of the playground will occur during FY23, with a targeted completion date of June 30, 2023. Prior to the commencement of construction, a public information meeting will be held to inform residents about construction.

As a reminder, the PARC grant program operates as follows. The Commonwealth pays 70% of the costs of a park improvements, up to a maximum state share of \$400,000. However, the PARC grant is a

reimbursement from the Commonwealth. Per PARC Grant guidelines, the City is required to appropriate the full project cost in advance in order to execute a contract with EEA.

Based upon the City's estimates, the total cost of the Quigley Park improvements will be \$750,000. To date the City Council has appropriated \$350,000 through the FY22 Capital Improvements Program, leaving this balance of \$400,000, which we expect to be fully reimbursed by the Commonwealth. In the event that this park ultimately costs more than the estimate, which is not uncommon, I may return to the Council for a further appropriation. Conversely, if there are any remaining funds from this project, I am requesting authority to utilize them on future PARC funded projects.

For all the reasons set forth above, I respectfully request that the City Council approve this appropriation. I have attached a draft Resolution and Order. Because this PARC grant requires an appropriation, vote no later than December 31, 2021. The only funds available are Stabilization Funds. Free Cash will likely not be certified until early 2022.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

The following communication was read from City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. A motion from Councilor Taylor to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
Chelsea City Hall
500 Broadway
Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

Re: Fines for Fireworks

Dear Councilors:

I am writing in response to the request for the number of fines issued this year for the use of illegal fireworks.

According to Police Chief Brian Keyes believes strongly that the new Ordinance, with its threat fireworks this Summer. Nonetheless, Chief Brian Keyes believes strongly that the new Ordinance, with its threat of larger financial penalties, was an extremely helpful toll for his Officers as they engaged with residents on fireworks complaints. The Chief confirmed that fireworks complaints this year were substantially reduced from the numbers in the Summer of 2020.

The Chief is willing to appear before the Council in subcommittee to discuss this matter further if the Council desires.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

The following communication was read from City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. A motion from Councilor Robinson to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
Chelsea City Hall
500 Broadway
Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

Re: Flooding Issues

Dear Councilors:

I am writing in response to recent City Council Orders requesting the City investigate flooding issues at the following intersections; Sixth/Arlington; Everett/Carter; and Vale/Carter.

With respect to the intersection of Sixth and Arlington Streets; the City's Water, Sewer & Drainage Department will clean and televise the drain lines in this area. We believe these lines are in reasonably good shape, but lack sufficient capacity during heavy rainfall. Over time, as the City makes downstream improvements to your system, including separation of combined sewer and drain lines, we hope this capacity problem will improve.

The situation is similar in the Everett Ave. Carter Street and Vale Street areas. During heavy rains, and especially at high tides, these areas can backup and experience local street flooding. Again, continued improvements to the system downstream will eventually help this situation. In the meantime, the City will clean and televise the lines to ensure there are no local impediments to proper drainage.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

The following communication was read from City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. A motion from Councilor Robinson to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
Chelsea City Hall
500 Broadway
Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

Re: Information on Workforce Development Expenditures

Dear Councilors:

I am writing in response to the recent City Council order requesting information on the City's workforce development efforts.

As you may recall, two years ago the City amended its Mitigation Agreement with the Encore Casino to redirect \$100,000 in annual funding previously set aside for roadwork instead to be utilized for workforce development efforts. Each year, that money is appropriated in the Housing & Community Development annual budget. That Department oversees the City's workforce development efforts including the

convening of the Good Jobs Coalition, a cross-sector coalition of government agencies, nonprofits, and educational entities such as Bunker Hill Community College.

The first year Encore Casino workforce development funds were available to the City was in FY20. As promised to the Council, the City used the majority of this first year funding for the creation of a Workforce Development Plan. That Plan was completed last Fall. The City expects to follow the recommendation in that Plan for future workforce development spending. The balance of the FY20 funding was used to establish a Digital Lending Library for residents participating in workforce development programs that lack the means to access the internet. At no cost, residents enrolled in qualifying programs may take out a laptop and hot spot for the duration of their course. In total, 50 devices were purchased and are currently housed at the Chelsea Public Library.

In FY21, another \$100,000 became available. In response to the pandemic, one of the recommendations of the Good Jobs Coalition, which is consistent with the Plan, was to provide funds for the establishment of a Rapid Reemployment Program. To accomplish this goal, the City set aside \$80,000 and issued an RFP for service. The contract was awarded to TND Connect. TND's Rapid Reemployment Program, devised to assist unemployment residents seeking new employment education and job training opportunities, consists of two full time workforce case managers and a flexible fund to assist job applicants. This Rapid Reemployment Program is also supported by a separate \$100,000 grant from the Commonwealth's Urban Agenda Grant Program. Implementation of the program is currently underway. TND has completed hiring and onboarding activities, with the expectation of formally launching this Program in October. The remaining small balance of FY21 funds was used to cover the annual internet subscription for the Digital Lending Library described above.

For FY22, the City has another \$100,000 available. The City has not yet expended any of these funds. At this point, we are working with our community partners to determine how best to utilize those funds consistent with the commonwealths in the Workforce Development Plan for the Council's review.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino,
City Manager

The following communication was read from City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. A motion from Councilor Recupero to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
Chelsea City Hall
500 Broadway
Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

Re: Streetlights

Dear Councilors:

I am writing in response to the recent Council Order requesting on how streetlights are fixed in this City. I have responded to similar Council Orders several times in the past. However, I will provide another brief overview.

The City owns and is responsible for all of its streetlights. However, the wiring and the electrical infrastructure for such lights remains owned by Eversource. The City outsources maintenance of its streetlights to third party vendors. Currently, the streetlight vendor is Dagle Electrical Construction Corp.

When a streetlight is reported out, Dagle is dispatched to attempt a repair. If the problem is with the streetlight itself, Dagle is typically able to perform the repair in short order. However, if the problem is the underground wiring then the City must contact Eversource and wait for an Eversource repair. So always means there is a problem that requires Eversource intervention.

If the reported problem is that a streetlight is remaining lit all day long, that is typically a problem with the sensor. That is the kind of problem that Dagle is usually able to remedy on its own. I encourage the Council to report to DPW all such instances, and we should be able to quickly resolve.

I hope this is helpful

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

The following communication was read from City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. A motion from Councilor Vidot referred it to the Sub-Committee on Conference and a Public Hearing under suspension.

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
Chelsea City Hall
500 Broadway
Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

Re: Fiscal Year 2022 Tax Rates

Dear Councilors;

I am writing to request that the Chelsea City Council schedule a meeting of the Sub-Committee in Conference on Monday, November 8, 2021, or on a more convenient date soon thereafter, for the purpose of discussing the Fiscal Year 2022 tax rates. Similar to past years, my goal at that meeting is to provide a PowerPoint presentation, and then answer questions, about FY22 valuations and the tax rate.

I also ask that the City Council schedule a public hearing with the Board of Assessors on Monday, November 22, 2021 for the purpose of voting on the Minimum Residential Factor and setting of the tax rates for FY22.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

A copy of a communication was received from C. Gabriel Santiago Esq. regarding internal police matters. A motion from Councilor Robinson to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

A copy of a communication was received from Parking Clerk Jeannette Cintron White regarding the approval of actions at the October 5, 2021 Traffic and Parking Commission. A motion from Councilor Robinson to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

SECOND READINGS:

The following communication was read for the second time. A motion from Councilor Robinson to approve the re-appointment of Ms. Denise Ortega to the Tree Board by roll call. The roll call passed 11-0-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vidot, Avellaneda, Recupero, Garcia, Vega Maldonado, Robinson, Taylor, Lopez, Brown, and Zabot.

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
Chelsea City Hall
500 Broadway
Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

Re: Re-appointment to the Chelsea Tree Board

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to Section 4-2 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, I am writing to recommend the re-appointment to the Chelsea Tree Board of Ms. Denise Ortega, 73 Essex Street Apt 1, Chelsea for a new Three-year term expiring on September 24, 2024. Ms. Ortega's resume is attached.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

The following communication was read for the second time. A motion from Councilor Robinson to adopt by roll call passed 11-0-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vidot, Avellaneda, Recupero, Garcia, Vega Maldonado, Robinson, Rodriguez, Taylor, Lopez, Brown, and Zabot.

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
Chelsea City Hall
500 Broadway
Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

Re: Appointment to Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to Section 4-2 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, I am writing to recommend Ms. Alexis Turgeon, 43 Eleanor Street, Unit 4, Chelsea to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board ("AHTFB") to take the place of Brian Hatleberg, who has resigned. This appointment expires on June 30, 2022.

Please note that this is the required position on the AHTFB for someone with a background in financing or lending. Ms. Turgeon has such expertise in her position as HOME Director for the City of Malden Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (formerly the Malden Redevelopment Authority). Ms. Turgeon's resume is attached.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

The following communication from the City Manager was read for the second time. A motion from Councilor Robinson to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
Chelsea City HALL
500 Broadway
Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

Re: Vote on the Construction of New Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School.

Dear Councilors:

I am writing regarding the proposed \$317 million high school for the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District and the action now required by the City of Chelsea to determine its position on this extraordinary expensive structure. My strong advice to the Council is that it affirmatively oppose this project because the cost to Chelsea is simply too high.

I have in the past alerted the City Council to this looming financial predicament involving the proposed new Metropolitan Regional Vocational School. The matter has now reached the point where the City of Chelsea must act. In August, the Massachusetts School Building Authority approved the final design for the school and awarded \$141 million for its construction. Following that decision, on Thursday, September 9, 2021, the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District Committee voted to approve the project and proceed with construction. The balance of the funding for this project, \$176 million, will be paid by the member communities. The City of Chelsea's share is almost \$57 million.

There is no dispute that the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District needs a new high school. The current facility is woefully inadequate to meet the needs of a 21st century workforce. Further, there is no doubt that a new high school would have enormous benefit to the Chelsea students who attend. Chelsea regularly sends more than 200 students annually to this facility, typically either the largest or second largest population in the entire District.

My objection to the project has nothing to do with its merits, which are unassailable. My opposition is based on the cost and the formula by which this cost will be apportioned among the member communities. Simply put, the project results in an annual cost will be apportioned among the member communities. Simply put, the project results in an annual cost to Chelsea that is unaffordable and, in my opinion, inequitable. As you can see from the attached spreadsheets, Chelsea's share of the debt service for this project will require annual payments of approximately \$1.9 million. This one building alone will cost the average two-family homeowner in Chelsea more than \$215 annually in taxes for most of the next thirty years. Only Revere taxpayers will pay more.

Keep in mind that, annually, the City of Chelsea is only able to raise under Proposition 2 ½ approximately \$1.7 million in new tax dollars. So, this new cost for the Voke High School alone will exceed all new dollars in Chelsea leaving no tax dollars available for any other new expenditure by the City for the foreseeable future.

Unfortunately, it is quite likely that, notwithstanding any opposition from Chelsea, this project will proceed, and Chelsea will be legally obligated to make these debt service payments. Under the onerous statutory scheme governing regional school districts in Massachusetts, when any member community objects to a new school building capital project, it allows for a District wide vote on the majority of member communities will pay significantly less for this building than Chelsea, it is more probable than not that a majority of residents in this District will vote in favor of the new high school. Such a vote will mandate these annual payments by Chelsea, regardless of the opposition of the Chelsea City Council

Despite the possibility that we may be forced by the statutory scheme to accept this new building and its financial improvements that might benefit some of our residents, my fiduciary obligation to the City compels me to recommend that we expressly oppose the construction of this new high school under the current financial conditions. Given the existing strictures of Proposition 2 ½ the City simply cannot absorb this annual debt service payment while maintaining its current course of quality of life improvements. True, we may be required by vote of the entire District to take on this debt and endure the difficult financial sacrifices necessary to make the annual payments. But, if nothing more than out of principal, I cannot in good conscience meekly consent to a course of action with such significant adverse financial impacts on the City.

For the above reasons, I respectfully request that you affirmatively vote not to support that construction project. In order to qualify as an effective veto, this vote must occur no later than November 8, 2021, which is 60 days after approval of the project by the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District Committee. A draft Order is attached.

Sincerely
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

The following order was introduced by Councilor Avellaneda and read for the second time. A motion from Councilor Robinson to adopt the order by roll call passed 11-0-0-0. Voting yes were Councilor Vidot, Avellaneda, Recupero, Garcia, Vega Maldonado, Robinson, Rodriguez, Taylor, Lopez, Brown and Zabot.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council hereby expressly DISAPPROVES the \$317,422,620 borrowing and debt authorized on September 9, 2021 by the Northeast metropolitan Regional Vocational School District Committee for the purpose of paying costs of designing, engineering, constructing and equipping the New Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School and related athletic facilities and expressly does NOT authorize the payment of any share of the Districts debt for this purpose.

A copy of a communication was received from peter A. Rossetti, Secretary of Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District regarding appropriation of \$317,422,620 for the purpose of paying costs of designing engineering constructing and equipping the New Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School. A motion from Councilor Robinson to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

The Home Rule Petition introduced by Councilor Avellaneda regarding proposed Charter amendments recommended by the Charter Review Committee (a copy of the Home Rule Petition can be found at the Chelsea City Council Office 500 Broadway #306 Chelsea, Ma 02150 or email fmelara@chelseama.gov. A motion from Councilor Robinson to adopt as amended by roll call passed 11-0-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vidot, Avellaneda, Recupero, Garcia, Vega Maldonado, Robinson, Rodriguez, Taylor, Lopez, Brown and Zabot.

Amendments offered by the Councilors to the Home Rule Petition.

The following amendment was offered by Councilor Robinson. Roll call requested by Councilor Robinson failed to pass the amendment 2-9-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Robinson, and Councilor Taylor. Voting no were Councilors Vidot, Avellaneda, Recupero, Garcia Vega Maldonado, Rodriguez, Lopez, Brown and Zabet.

Amendment to insert in Part 2-Legislation, Section 2-1 Composition; Eligibility; Election and Term, "There shall be a city council composed of 9 members which shall exercise the legislative powers of the city. Four members, to be known as councilors-at-large, shall be nominated and elected by and from the voters at large. Five members, to known as ward councilors, shall be nominated and elected by and from the voters of each district, one such district councilor to be elected from each of the five wards into which the city is divided in accordance with section 7-4."

The following amendment was offered by Councilor Avellaneda. A motion to adopt by Councilor Avellaneda failed to call on roll call vote 4-7-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Avellaneda, Robinson, Taylor, and Zabet. Voting no were Councilors Vidot, Recupero, Garcia, Vega Maldonado, Rodriguez, Lopez, and Brown.

Amendment to insert on Part 2-legislative, Section 2-1 Composition: Eligibility, and Election and Term, "Any write in candidate must receive at least 25 votes to be elected."

The following Amendment was introduced by Councilor Zabet and was withdrawn at the request of Councilor Zabet without objection.

Amendment to insert in Part 2-Legislative, Section 2-3 General Powers and Duties, "Council Members shall forfeit their office by failing to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the Council without being excused by the Council Members of the Council may ask to be excused by following the procedure described in this paragraph. The member shall contact the City Council President prior to the meeting and state the reason for their inability to attend the meeting. If the member is unable to contact the City Council President, the member shall contact the City Council Vice-President. Following the call to order the President or Vice President shall inform the Council of the member's absence, state the reason for such absence and inquire if there is a motion to excuse the member. This motion shall be non-debatable. Upon passage of such motion by a majority of members present, the absent member shall be considered excused and the City Clerk will make an appropriate notation in the minutes."

The following amendment was introduced by Councilor Avellaneda and was withdrawn at the request of Councilor Avellaneda without objection.

Amendment to insert in Part 3-school Committee, Section 3-1 Composition; Eligibility; and Election and Term; Powers and Duties, "Any write in candidate must receive at least 25 votes to be elected."

The following Amendment was introduced by Councilor Avellaneda. A motion from Councilor Avellaneda to adopt by roll call passed 11-0-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vidot, Avellaneda, Recupero, Garcia, Vega Maldonado, Robinson, Rodriguez, Taylor, Lopez, Brown, and Zabet.

Amendment, to insert in Part 7-City Elections; Preliminary and General, Section 7-1 "The City shall make available to registered voters the ability to vote early in person weekdays during the preceding week and second Saturday preceding the regular city election held in November."

The following amendment to the Home Rule Petition was offered by Councilor Recupero. Councilor Recupero moved to adopt by roll call. Councilor Taylor moved to insert 6 votes required in place of the majority of the full body, but later withdrew it. On the roll call requested by Councilor Recupero the amendment failed to carry 3-8-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vidot, Recupero, and Lopez. Voting no were Councilors Avellaneda Garcia, Vega Maldonado, Robinson, Rodriguez, Taylor, Brown and Zabol.

Amendment to replace the paragraph in Part 6- Administrative Organizations, Section 6-3 (b), "All rules and regulations promulgated by authorized vote of the Traffic and Parking Commission except for temporary or emergency rules and regulations promulgated for no more than 90 days, shall only become effective if and when the city council affirmatively approves such rule and/or regulation by a majority vote of the full city council. Traffic Commission may vote to approve a temporary or emergency rule or regulation to take effect immediately provided that such temporary or emergency rule or regulation shall expire after 90 days, unless the city council has voted in the interim to reject the rule, in which case it shall expire immediately upon such vote.

NEW BUSINESS

The following Order was introduced by Councilor Recupero. A motion from Councilor Recupero referred it to a second reading under suspension.

RESOLUTION FY22 PARC Grant-Quigley Park

Whereas, The City owns open space known as Quigley Park, which is located at 25 Essex Street and documented as Parcel ID 20-12 on the City's Assessors Maps; and

Whereas, Quigley Park is preserved as open space in perpetuity, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 45, &3 catalogued under Book 900, Page 309 in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds; and

Whereas, The priorities detailed in the City's 2017-2024 Open Space and Recreation Plan include the renovation of the City's most heavily used recreational facilities, such as Quigley Park, to provide active recreational opportunities for all ages that take advantage of Chelsea's environmental, cultural and scenic resources; and

Whereas, Quigley Park is a heavily utilized and popular playground that is a vital recreational asset for City residents, yet Quigley Park has not been substantially renovated in nearly a decade although it's existing condition warrants refurbishing; and

Whereas, The City through the Department of Housing & Community Development, filed a grant application to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEAA)PARC Grant Program and was awarded a \$400,000 PARC grant for the renovation of Quigley Park; and

Whereas, The renovation of this facility is estimated to cost \$750,000, and the City will be reimbursed for 70% of the full project costs, up to \$400,000 under the PARC grant requirements; and

Whereas, Because the PARC grant reimburses the City for design and construction, the City is required by PARC grant requirements to set aside the full cost of the project and certify that full funding, including the State share, is available for the project prior to reimbursement; and

Whereas, the City has funded the remainder of the total project cost through a \$350,000 appropriation in the FY22 Capital Improvement Plan; and

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Whereas, To ensure the successful implementation of this and other PARC grant funded projects, the funds appropriated through this order for the renovations of Quigley Park may be utilized for all of Quigley Park's project costs in the event that the construction costs exceed the estimated costs, and any surplus funds may be allotted toward future PARC grant funded open space improvements;

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED;

By this vote, the Chelsea City Council endorses this project for the receipt of PARC grant funds, appropriates the balance of the total project cost of \$400,000 from the General Stabilization Fund #7020; designates Quigley Park as open space parkland in perpetuity, in accordance with Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution and M.G.L. c. 45, &3 and authorizes the City Manager to utilize any surplus funds for current and future PARC funded improvements for open space within the City of Chelsea, certifies the City Manager's authority to enter into an agreement for the receipt of these funds and directs the City Manager to take any and all necessary action to accomplish the project.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Recuperero. A motion from Councilor Recuperero to adopt under suspension was adopted.

Ordered, that the City Manager instruct the electrical company to fix all streetlights within the city and install automatic sensor.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Recuperero. A motion from Councilor Recuperero to adopt under suspension was adopted.

Ordered, that a Subcommittee on Public Safety be held to discuss the public safety of the city.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Recuperero. Councilor Recuperero moved to adopt under suspension. Councilor Robinson objected. Councilor Robinson moved to L.O.T. On roll call the motion to L.O.T. was defeated 1-9-1-0. Voting yes Councilor Robinson. Voting no were Councilors Vidot, Avellaneda, Recuperero, Vega Maldonado, Rodriguez, Taylor, Lopez, Brown and Zobot. Councilor Garcia was absent. The roll call was taken to adopt. It was defeated 3-7-1-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vidot, Recuperero, and Lopez. Voting no were Councilors Avellaneda, Vega Maldonado, Robinson, Rodriguez, Taylor, Brown and Zobot. Councilor Garcia was absent.

Ordered, that the City Manager look into putting necessary funds in the budget for the city Council to hire a part time legal counsel.

The following Order was introduced by Councilor Robinson. Councilor Robinson moved to adopt under suspension. Councilor Vidot moved roll call. The roll call passed 6-3-2-0. Voting yes were Councilors Avellaneda, Robinson, Rodriguez, Taylor, Brown and Zobot. Voting no were Councilors Vidot, Recupero, and Lopez. Councilors Garcia and Vega Maldonado were absent.

Request, that the City Manager consider increasing the hours of part-time ISD Building Inspectors to full time positions, and consider doing so in the FY22 by utilizing Free Cash once it is certified.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Avellaneda. A motion from Councilor Robinson to adopt under suspension was adopted.

Request, that the Traffic and Parking Commission place on their agenda the designation of 3 parking spaces on Washington Ave between Addison St. and Orange Street for 2-hour parking only including residents from the hours of 9am-5pm Monday through Saturday.

The following Order was introduced by Councilor Avellaneda. A motion from Councilor Robinson to adopt under suspension was adopted.

Ordered, that a Subcommittee on Conference be held to discuss the ARPA civic engagement process.

The following Order was introduced by Councilor Taylor. A motion from Councilor Taylor to adopt under suspension was adopted.

Request, that the City Manager investigate possible solutions both at the local and state level, to the coyote animal population problem within the city; due to numerous complaints and concerns from residents.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul G. Casino". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul G. Casino
Clerk of the Chelsea City Council